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Kirk:

I have hurriedly read your speech and give you these comments:

1. I believe the speech needs tighter editing than it has received. Much of the data on federal service could well be eliminated. The speech gets interesting and meaningful when you talk about OSS, CIG, and particularly CIA.

2. On Page 1, I assume that the Reverend John J. Wright is the Roman Catholic Bishop of Pittsburg but he might be the Episcopal Bishop. I don't know. I think he should be identified more precisely.

On Page 2 at the bottom of the page, which concludes "turning every country in the world into a Communist dictatorship! if you would add this phrase: "and this includes our United States" you would better dramatize this very forceful thought.

At the top of Page 3 where you say "there are no amateurs," I would suggest you consider saying "there are few amateurs."

The last sentence of Paragraph 1 on Page 3 ends "They see in us the major obstacle to their aspirations." I suggest that you add "We are the Number One target of their future hit parade."

In the second paragraph on Page 3 suggest the word falsely be substituted for closely so that the sentence will read "This is falsely tied to the drive, etc."

After the first sentence of Paragraph 3 on Page 3 which reads "The desire for a better life is an inherent American tradition," suggest you add "We stress free enterprise and the dignity of the individual."

In the last paragraph on Page 3 suggest you delete so much as reads "No nation can afford the weapons required for defense, yet most nations are beyond their needs." Such deletion will not weaken your statement and will eliminate a questionable conclusion.

On Page 4 the second paragraph states "the so-called uncommitted group becomes another candidate for Communist subversion." The word candidate seems to be inappropriate since a candidate is one who applies, whereas in this case the Soviets go after the uncommitted group.

In the next paragraph recommend you delete "entering the age of" and in the sentence immediately thereafter that you substitute the word many for the word they.

If the entire information on Page 5 were discarded, the speech would gain brevity and would suffer no loss in providing pertinent information.

In the third paragraph on Page 3 after telling of our desire to learn of the motivations, aspirations, and problems of these people--here you should add that we want to help them. You do make this point later in the speech.

In the second paragraph on Page 7 suggest you delete "the aforementioned." In the same paragraph where it is stated "many hesitate," suggest it read some.

In the next sentence change themselves to itself.

You are certainly getting into the political world of controversy in your next statement and I recommend you delete the following on Page 7: "With world government farther advanced and the principle of a community of nations more, etc. . . interested in such assistance."

Your last paragraph on Page 7 that every great power will attempt to influence their younger friends, etc. might better be stated less categorically although the point is one I would not dispute.

On Page 10 recommend in the second sentence at the top of the page that you insert the phrase "most of" so that the second sentence reads "Of course most of the higher level jobs in Washington, etc."

On Page 11 you include as an advanced degree an LLB, which I believe is not correct. Even though in some states there must be pre-law training and it may take a long time to get a B.A. or may even require a B.A., LLB is still a baccalaureate degree and is not "an advanced degree." I believe the Department of Education concurs with my opinion. Recommend you eliminate it as an advanced degree in talking to this college group.

On Page 13 in the next to the last sentence recommend you delete "at dawn."

On Page 14 in the last paragraph where you say "the intelligence services have failed" you should add "or succeeded." We get credit as well as blame and we should so state.

In the following sentence where you state "impossible for us to comment on such occasions" suggest you add after comment the word publicly, since we may comment within the Government.

On Page 15 in the second paragraph where you state "have confidence, if not pride" suggest you delete "if not" and have it read "should have confidence and pride in the work of this organization."

In the last paragraph on Page 15 regarding the Ivy League which is carried over to the top of Page 16 recommend you include a sentence to the effect that our Ivy League graduates come from all over the U.S. and geographically CIA personnel represents the whole U.S. and not just the more heavily populated Eastern seaboard.

Strongly recommend that in the first paragraph on page 16 you delete so much as reads "and that this is obviously inconsistent with the American tradition of fair play and open covenants openly arrived at." Also strongly recommend that you delete so much on page 16 as reads "Thus, concern that the intelligence service might engage in some form of underground warfare that could become a gangue belli is ill-founded." This conclusion is not a logical one and the direction from the NSC would prevent such a situation. Nothing is lost by deleting this conclusion which is not founded in logic, in my opinion.

Kirk, this is most interesting, particularly on the JOF, but I do believe you could cut one-third off of it and make it better. I think, too, if you added a paragraph on the use of women in the Agency, including in the JOF, and the fact that women hold responsible positions in the CIA, it would give a little more universality to your presentation.

I have been very free in giving you my thoughts, but they are from the heart, and I think it is a good speech.

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